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**For: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR DIAGNOSIS AND
TREATMENT OF IRON
OVERLOAD DISEASES AND
IRON DEFICIENCY DISEASES**

Attorney Docket No.: 8907-098-999

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 8, 2003 (Paper No. 8), please consider the following election and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amended) A composition [for treating an iron overload disease comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a soluble complex] comprising an HFE polypeptide [according to] having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and a full length, wild-type human β_2m .

8. (Amended) A composition [for treating an iron deficiency disease comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a soluble complex] comprising an HFE polypeptide

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